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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day's values. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, instances fairly good where features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were light to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good where features were a factor. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the light to adequate offerings. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules usually full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52
LARGE	44-54	45-48
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	27-36	31
MEDIUM	14-20	18
SMALL	8-12	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging from steady to at times fully steady. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. Spent hens were sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as mostly normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-70	56-59
LARGE	49-63	54-58
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs and were being held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the light to adequate offerings. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules usually full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-67	60-63
LARGE	56.5-65	58-61
MEDIUM	40.5-49	42-45

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were generally unchanged on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for current needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for a moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53.5-67	55-58
LARGE	52-65	53-56
MEDIUM	37.5-55	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady beginning the week. Demand ranged light to moderate, slightly better where features were a factor. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	63-67
LARGE	61-65
MEDIUM	47-51

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-61	54-58
LARGE	51-60	52-54
MEDIUM	38-47	41-43

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 2 percent higher than last week overall with California up 9 percent and Oregon- Washington-Utah down 9 percent. Retailer demand was fairly good overall. Offerings in good balance with needs.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 9 percent higher than the previous week. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in fairly good balance. Small benchmark price 53.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	109
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	73

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199
MEDIUM	189-205

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

RANGE
NOT AVAILABLE

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 04, 2005 will decrease by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 25, 2005 were 227,783 cases which was 16 percent below the prior week and 15 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	190,872	36,911	227,783
% change from the prior week.....	-19	+7	-16

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light as breakers assess further needs and most work from existing inventories. Offerings were light to adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules usually full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-33	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-21	18-20

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules noted as normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient and well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11.25-13	12.18
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15.25	11-12.75	11.92

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 28, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.0	22.4	9.5	12.3	13.6
	Change	-0.8	0.7	0.1	-0.1	1.2
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.6	51.5	15.4	29.8	43.3
	Change	-2.0	-2.5	2.2	-1.2	6.9
Large	Curr Wk	79.5	166.2	91.5	111.4	126.4
	Change	2.7	-8.1	26.7	-5.8	-0.1
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	55.5	17.6	24.7	34.3
	Change	-1.9	-16.3	0.3	-3.9	-4.0
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	6.9	2.4	7.6	4.5
	Change	-10.7	0.6	-0.7	-0.5	0.1
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	18.3	7.2	14.2	4.8
	Change	-0.7	-2.2	0.0	0.4	-0.6
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.9	60.7	44.6	39.3	34.5
	Change	-4.7	0.8	1.3	4.2	2.2
Total	Curr Wk	165.8	381.5	188.2	239.3	261.4
Percent	Change	-10%	-7%	19%	-3%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,236.2	-1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	264.6	10%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,500.8	1%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

## CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							12.25		FUTURE LOADS							7.00		TOTAL LOADS							19.25	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	—	—	32.50	34.00	—	—	8.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66.75	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	53.50	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54.24	4.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—		
GL W XL	—	—	46.00	48.00	42.41	—	5.25	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51.00	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—		
GL W LG	—	—	41.00	43.00	41.00	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	39.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—		
GL W MD	—	—	26.00	—	—	—	1.00																			
GL W SM	26.00	28.00	23.00	24.50	—	—	2.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/21/05-02/25/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
89.25								31.25								120.50							
SE			NE		MW				SC			NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	32.00	36.00	32.60	34.00	—	35.00	22.00	GNR W 1	—	42.40	—	—	—	—	7.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	23.00	25.50	1.00	GL W J	53.00	—	—	—	—	66.05	5.00								
GNR BR 1	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	50.00	48.00	—	—	—	56.06	21.00								
GL W J	—	—	54.00	56.00	53.50	54.00	7.00	GL W LG	42.25	48.50	—	—	—	51.68	8.25								
GL W XL	—	45.80	44.00	46.95	43.89	47.00	39.25	GL W MD	28.50	—	26.00	39.50	38.00	37.14	12.75								
GL W LG	—	45.80	40.50	43.67	40.78	—	17.25	GL W SM	20.00	21.00	—	—	24.50	29.50	2.00								
GL W MD	34.00	31.57	27.00	30.67	28.41	29.00	17.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	35.00	—	—	4.00								
GL W SM	26.00	28.00	23.60	25.30	—	—	6.00	NRBS - 39	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 48	—	28.00	26.00	29.00	26.75	30.50	37.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/21/05	02/14/05	02/23/04
PACIFIC COAST	409	409	372
LOS ANGELES	405	405	302

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is light to moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.63
LARGE	69.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	45.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 2/23/2005

Report Period: 1/23/2005 - 1/29/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	980	980
Arkansas	0	0	1,780	1,780
Colorado	0	0	2,339	2,339
Georgia	0	0	1,680	1,680
Illinois	0	0	675	675
Indiana	0	0	7,937	7,937
Iowa	8,483	8,550	59,456	76,489
Michigan	0	0	2,504	2,504
Minnesota	3,395	820	3,918	8,133
Missouri	0	0	6,721	6,721
Montana	0	0	630	630
New Hampshire	0	0	2,640	2,640
Ohio	810	4,050	7,444	12,304
Oregon	4,690	0	0	4,690
South Dakota	0	780	750	1,530
Texas	0	0	3,300	3,300
Utah	3,076	2,970	9,004	15,050
Wisconsin	0	0	2,796	2,796
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,454</b>	<b>17,170</b>	<b>114,554</b>	<b>152,178</b>
<b>SHIPPED</b>				
<b>TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED</b>				
<b>TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>20,454</b>	<b>17,170</b>	<b>114,554</b>	<b>152,178</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 2/22/2005

Report Period: 1/30/2005 - 2/5/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,830	2,830
Arkansas	0	0	2,536	2,536
Colorado	0	0	4,960	4,960
Illinois	0	0	510	510
Iowa	7,771	7,300	48,392	63,463
Michigan	0	0	3,194	3,194
Minnesota	3,380	1,080	9,078	13,538
Missouri	0	0	8,508	8,508
Nevada	0	0	810	810
New Hampshire	0	0	810	810
Ohio	780	0	1,680	2,460
Oregon	2,884	384	300	3,568
South Dakota	960	0	1,320	2,280
Texas	0	0	5,776	5,776
Utah	903	73	9,596	10,572
Wisconsin	0	0	2,410	2,410
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,678</b>	<b>8,837</b>	<b>102,710</b>	<b>128,225</b>
<b>SHIPPED</b>				
<b>TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED</b>				
<b>TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>16,678</b>	<b>8,837</b>	<b>102,710</b>	<b>128,225</b>